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Dear Mamma.

I got your letter and the
Chronicle both Saturday morning.
I was glad to get both. I was very
much surprised to hear of ^{Harry} Till's death.
It must have been a
sad funeral. It is awful gloomy
and cloudy this morning. It
began raining about 4 o'clock
and rained pretty hard till
about 7. Roy had to go to work
in the rain. I have all my
work done and it is just eight
o'clock. Harry & Sis were here
last eve - If it wasn't for him
we wouldn't have much
company - He don't have to go

to work till 12 o'clock in the
morning and he often comes
up to see me. He & his wife
have given up trying to live to-
gether. They can't agree. No - I
didn't get Edith's picture - I
haven't had letters from any
one but you folks and Mate.
I wrote to M and C. & to Jennie
too but haven't heard from them
yet. I am going to write to
Muriel some day. Oh - I must
tell you our sewing machine
trouble. We can't get a new
singer for less than \$55. and
we can't get a White for less
than \$40. They think that is
awfully steep. They took our
old stove down to the second
hand store & he was to sell it
for us for 10% of what it brought
He hasn't sold it yet - But he
has an improved singer that

is second hand of course. But
it is a good machine and in
good condition. He will let us
have it for \$20 and allow us
some on the oil stove. I
don't know how much, he told
me \$3 - But I am going down
today and see if I can't get
a little better than that. I think
we will take it but am not
sure. I haven't seen it yet. I
want to go as soon as it quits
raining. It is north west
of the square where we live.

I think Dr. Priest will end up
in an assignment like G. Driscoll
if he isn't careful. Is his wife
afraid of him?

George Filmore's Law quite
a time keeping track of a
hammer - don't they? I
know now what riled my
pancakes. I didn't put
any soda in. I thought

the yeast raised them.

I have made cranberry & apple
pies with the R-Flour and
it makes them all right. You
say the crust is better than
that made with white flour.

There is going to be a new
doctor now in right south
of us - then we will have
four doctors on our street.

You see, since M^cKimley's
inauguration - prosperity has
begun for I can have pen
& ink to write with.

Yes, I wish you could go back
to Ohio - maybe you could get
a pass - some way - pawn your
diamond ring or something -

Ray sold that watch of his &
got 75¢ for it. I wish you
could see our book that I
keep our expense account in.
I take two pages for each

month and on our side I
put the money paid out & what
for and on the other side the
money recieved. Then I
balance it at the end of the
month. I am real proud of
it. It is getting awful dark,
again I guess it is going to
rain some more.

Joe dreamt right about our
rooms. He ask open from the hall
and run into each other. If you
take three big steps you will have
the length of our kitchen & two
real big ones you will have the
width. It is about like your
bed room I think.

Mamma & I believe I make as
much bread at a baking as

you do - I made six loaves on
Monday and we had to last till
Friday night for supper. I
made 5 loaves Saturday and I
waited them to last till Wed. We
eat lots - I never had such
an appetite in my life. I just
can't get enough. I got a pint
jar of blackberry jam down town
for \$1.00. It is awful nice and
such cute little jars too - I am
going to get strawberry next time.
We got a chicken sat. night -
I stewed it & made gravy in it
for dinner yesterday & we
finished it up for breakfast
only Roy took some for his
dinner. It wasn't a very
large one though. I guess
I have written enough for this
time. Tell Will & Louie to write
Aunt Carrie